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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

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This Settlement Agreement and Release ("Agreement") dated and effective this 9th day of January 2017 (the "Effective Date") is made by and among: (1) on the one hand, the State of West Virginia (including each and every one of its departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, and instrumentalities of any kind, any person in his or her official capacity elected or appointed to serve the State, its attorneys, and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through them or any of them) *ex rel.* Patrick Morrissey, Attorney General; Joseph Thornton in his capacity as the Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety ("DMAPS"); and Karen Bowling in her capacity as the Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources ("DHHR") (together, "the State" or "Plaintiffs"); and (2), on the other hand, AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation ("ABDC") (collectively hereinafter, the "Parties").

RECITALS

A. WHEREAS ABDC, a Delaware corporation, is a licensed wholesale distributor of prescription drugs to certain duly licensed and registered pharmacies in West Virginia and other states;

B. WHEREAS in or about January 2015, Plaintiffs filed in the Circuit Court of Boone County, West Virginia, their Second Amended Complaint in Civil Action No. 12-C-141 styled *State of West Virginia ex rel. Patrick Morrissey, Attorney General, et al. v. AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation; Miami-Luken, Inc.; J.M. Smith Corporation. d/b/a Smith Drug Company; The Harvard Drug Group LLC; ANDA, Inc.; Associated*

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Pharmacies, Inc.; H.D. Smith Wholesale Drug Company; Keysource Medical Inc.; Masters Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Quest Pharmaceuticals, Inc; and Top Rx, Inc., alleging that defendants acted negligently and in violation of West Virginia law governing controlled substances while engaging in wholesale drug distribution in West Virginia (the "Litigation");

C. WHEREAS Plaintiffs assert, *inter alia*, that this Litigation is brought pursuant to the State's *parens patriae* authority to recover damages allegedly suffered by the State;

D. WHEREAS Plaintiffs further allege in their Second Amended Complaint that ABDC's alleged conduct has caused economic harm to the State, and that ABDC is "answerable in damages to the State of West Virginia";

E. WHEREAS Plaintiffs further assert that, through this Litigation, the State "seeks to protect West Virginia communities," as well as "the health and well-being—both physical and economic—of its residents in general";

F. WHEREAS the State represents and warrants that no interest in any of its claims as set forth in the Litigation has been assigned or otherwise transferred by the Plaintiffs to any other person or entity;

G. WHEREAS on or about October 30, 2015, ABDC filed its Answer and affirmative defenses to the Second Amended Complaint in which it denied liability for all claims the State alleged against it in the Litigation and specifically denied that it had violated any law or regulation or breached any legal duty, and asserted 23 affirmative defenses;

H. WHEREAS each of the Parties has vigorously litigated its respective claims and defenses;

I. WHEREAS at all times relevant to the Litigation and up to the present ABDC has had in effect each of the following: (1) a license issued by the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy ("WVBOP") under authority of the West Virginia Uniform Controlled Substances Act authorizing ABDC to distribute human prescription drugs (including controlled substances) as a wholesaler in West Virginia; and (2) a registration with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") issued pursuant to the federal Controlled Substances Act authorizing ABDC to distribute controlled substances in the United States;

J. WHEREAS at all times relevant to the Litigation and up to the present, ABDC has maintained and operated and continues to maintain and operate an Order Monitoring Program ("OMP") to help prevent the diversion of controlled substances it distributes;

K. WHEREAS at all times relevant to the Litigation and up to the present ABDC reported to the DEA each of the orders ABDC identified as suspicious, and did not ship any of those orders to West Virginia;

L. WHEREAS each sale of controlled substances by ABDC into West Virginia was pursuant to an order made by an entity that held valid DEA and West Virginia registrations, permits, and/or licenses authorizing it to purchase controlled substances under state and federal law;

M. WHEREAS ABDC has never been found to be in violation of any state or federal laws, regulations, or guidelines concerning the distribution of controlled substances into West Virginia, and the WVBOP has never instituted any administrative actions and/or complaints against ABDC;

N. WHEREAS the State has concluded that it is in its best interest to resolve all claims asserted against ABDC on the terms and conditions set forth below and thereby avoid the vagaries and costs associated with further litigation;

O. WHEREAS ABDC likewise desires to fully resolve the issues in dispute between it and the State in this Litigation on the terms and conditions provided herein;

P. WHEREAS the Parties have agreed to resolve this Litigation pursuant to this Agreement without making any admissions of liability and solely to avoid further litigation and to bring resolution to the Litigation;

Q. WHEREAS this Agreement is the result of a compromise of disputed issues of law and fact and ABDC does not admit anything by this Agreement or waive any defenses to the State's claims, but rather expressly denies the allegations in the Litigation; and

R. WHEREAS the State and its representatives agree that they will not cooperate, urge, or seek to admit this Agreement as evidence of any fault or liability of ABDC in any investigation, administrative claim, federal or state court action, suit, or proceeding, or arbitration proceeding.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, to avoid the delay, uncertainty, inconvenience, and expense of protracted litigation; in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants, agreements, understandings, warranties, and payments as hereinafter described; and intending to be legally bound, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **Release and Discharge**

In consideration for the payment provided in Paragraph 4 below, the State, through its Attorney General, on its own behalf and on behalf of each and every one of its departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, and instrumentalities of any kind, and any person in their official capacity elected or appointed to serve the State, its attorneys, and by any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through them or any of them (sometimes collectively referred to as the "Releasers") against the Released Entities (as defined below) or any of them, hereby agrees to release, remise, acquit, and forever discharge, to the fullest extent permitted by law, ABDC and all of its past and present parents, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, predecessors, successors, assigns, and transferees, and each and all of their current and former officers, directors, members, shareholders, employees, insurers, attorneys, contractors, representatives, agents, predecessors, successors in interest, assigns, and anyone acting or purporting to act on their behalf (collectively referred to as the "Released Entities") from any and all claims, demands, debts, damages, liabilities, civil penalties, restitution, disgorgement, reimbursement, fines, expenses, actions, and causes of action whatsoever, known and

unknown, foreseen, unforeseen, or unforeseeable, which the State has asserted or could have asserted on its own behalf or in its *parens patriae* capacity that the State now has or may have in the future against the Released Entities or any of them growing out of, relating to, or concerning the Litigation now pending before the Circuit Court of Boone County, West Virginia, bearing Civil Action No. 12-C-141, subject to the conditions set forth herein ("Released Claims"). The Released Claims include and encompass, without limitation, claims relating to any act, conduct, error, or omission in distributing controlled substances in West Virginia, whether or not the controlled substance, the customer to which it was delivered, or the act, conduct, error, or omission was specifically alleged or identified in the Litigation. This is a full, final, and complete release of the Released Claims and totally and completely bars any further future claims or demands of any kind or character whatsoever as a result of or relating to the Released Claims by the State up to the Effective Date of this Agreement; provided, that this release may not be construed to apply to (a) future conduct of the Released Entities, (b) future conduct that is not related to or concerning the Litigation now pending before the Circuit Court of Boone County, West Virginia, (c) and/or future conduct of a successor in interest or assign independent of the conduct of ABDC.

The payment of the Settlement Payment (as defined in Paragraph 4.1 below) fully discharges all Released Entities from any obligation to pay or perform restitution, compensatory damages, punitive damages, attorneys' fees, interest, expenses, costs, disgorgement, injunctive relief, equitable remedies, administrative claims, fines, penalties, forfeitures, or other relief of any kind to the State based upon or arising out of

the Released Claims. The State covenants that it will not initiate, prosecute, or participate as a plaintiff in any civil litigation, administrative proceeding, or any other type of proceeding against the Released Entities based upon or arising out of the Released Claims. Upon the payment of the Settlement Payment by ABDC, no default by any Party in the performance of any covenant or obligation under this Agreement or any order entered in connection therewith may affect the dismissal of the Litigation, the *res judicata* effect of the dismissal of the Litigation, or the foregoing releases; provided, however, that all other legal and equitable remedies for violation of a court order or breach of this Agreement shall remain available to all Parties.

2. Release of Unknown Claims

The Releasors may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which they know or believe to be true with respect to the Released Claims but, as of the Effective Date, they hereby expressly waive and fully, finally, and forever settle, discharge, and release any and all known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, accrued or unaccrued, asserted or unasserted, contingent or non-contingent claims relating to the Released Claims without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts and whether or not they are claimed to have been concealed or hidden.

3. Dismissal with Prejudice

Concurrently with the execution of this Agreement, the State shall deliver to ABDC an executed Dismissal Order dismissing Plaintiffs' claims against ABDC in the Litigation with prejudice. The Parties agree that the Dismissal Order shall be submitted to the Court for approval and, to effectuate the purposes of the settlement, said Dismissal Order shall direct the Auditor of the State of West Virginia to create a "DHHR Special Revenue Trust Account" dedicated to drug abuse prevention, treatment, programming, and enforcement.

4. Settlement Payment Terms

4.1 *Settlement Payment:* In consideration of Plaintiffs' release, discharge, and dismissal of the Litigation with prejudice as set forth above, without admitting any liability, wrongdoing, or violation of any law or regulation, and solely for the purpose of resolving the Litigation and avoiding further litigation, ABDC agrees to pay to the State of West Virginia the total sum of Sixteen Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$16,000,000.00) (the "Settlement Payment"). The Parties agree that the Settlement Payment is not punitive in purpose or effect and is not a fine or penalty. It is expressly agreed that no portion of the Settlement Payment is for, may be allocated or attributed to, or may be characterized as, the payment of fines, penalties, punitive damages, or forfeitures. The funds received under this Agreement do not represent a payment for any Medicaid payments and do not reimburse or relate to federal money or state matching funds.

4.2 *Payment Schedule:* The Parties agree that ABDC will wire the Settlement Payment to Plaintiffs by no later than Wednesday, March 1, 2017, but only after receiving (i) wire instructions from Plaintiffs and (ii) a completed W-9 from Plaintiffs. The Settlement Payment will be wired to the IOLTA account of DiTrapano Barrett DiPiero McGinley & Simmons, PLLC and will remain there until such time as the manner of distribution therefrom is agreed by the named Plaintiffs and pursuant to Section 4.3 of this Agreement.

4.3 *Payment Distribution:* At such time as the distribution therefrom is agreed by the named Plaintiffs, all settlement monies attributable to DHHR and DMAPS shall be deposited into a "DHHR Special Revenue Trust Account" dedicated to drug abuse prevention, treatment, programming, and enforcement, to be managed by DHHR and DMAPS jointly pursuant to an inter-agency Memorandum of Understanding approved by the Governor. The settlement monies deposited into the "DHHR Special Revenue Trust Account" account shall not be subject to General Revenue Fund appropriation for the State of West Virginia. The portion of the settlement monies attributable to the Office of the Attorney General will be deposited in the "Fund 1509 Consumer Protection Recovery Fund." The monies deposited in "Fund 1509 Consumer Protection Recovery Fund" may be used by the Attorney General for any one or more of the following purposes: direct and indirect administrative, investigative, compliance, enforcement, or litigation costs and services incurred for consumer protection purposes; to be held for appropriation by the Legislature; and/or distribution to taxpayers and/or consumers. In no event shall ABDC have any responsibility, financial obligation, or liability whatsoever with respect to the

distribution or administration of the Settlement Payment including, but not limited to, the costs and expenses of such distribution and administration.

4.4 *Effect of Payment:* No part of the Settlement Payment represents monies expended by the State of West Virginia's Medicaid Program, nor does it concern any payment made thereunder, nor does the Settlement Payment represent any federal money or any state matching funds. Payment of the Settlement Payment by ABDC will fulfill all obligations that this Agreement imposes on ABDC. Payment of the Settlement Payment also is intended to, and does, fully resolve all of the Releasors' claims against ABDC as provided in Paragraph 1.

5. Suspicious Order Reporting

ABDC has no objection and, to the extent deemed necessary, fully authorizes the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy to provide copies of any suspicious order reports received by it from ABDC to the West Virginia State Police and the West Virginia Attorney General.

6. State Responsibility for Third-Party Claims

The State assumes full responsibility for any claim by any third party to any entitlement to any portion of the Settlement Payment being made by ABDC under this Agreement. The State does not assume any responsibility for any claims or lawsuits filed by individuals or others who are not a party to this settlement which are filed directly against AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation.

7. No Admission of Liability

Neither the giving of any consideration, nor the Parties' willingness to enter into this Agreement, nor anything in this Agreement, may be construed as an admission by ABDC or any other person or entity, of any liability, wrongdoing, negligence, or failure to comply with any law or regulation, or of the truth of any of the allegations in the Litigation or any other claim of any kind made against ABDC. The Agreement shall not be admissible in evidence for any such purpose in any proceeding, except for purposes of enforcement of its terms. ABDC expressly denies that it is liable as alleged in the Litigation.

8. Agreement as Evidence

Notwithstanding the preceding Paragraph, this Agreement may be used by any of the Parties and the Released Entities and pled, as a full and complete defense to any claim, action, suit, or other proceeding arising out of the Released Claims that has been or may be instituted, prosecuted, or attempted, or may be used by ABDC as a plaintiff, and this Agreement may be filed, offered, received into evidence, and otherwise used for such purposes.

9. Attorneys' Fees

Each of the Parties hereto shall bear its own legal and other fees and costs incurred in connection with the Litigation, including the preparation and performance of this Agreement.

10. Full Knowledge

Each of the undersigned signatories expressly warrants and represents that before executing this Agreement, he or she has fully informed himself or herself of its terms, conditions, and effects; that in making this Settlement Agreement, he or she has had the benefit of advice of counsel of his or her own choosing; and that he or she fully understands and voluntarily accepts these terms for and on behalf of him- or herself and any entities he or she represents. Each Party and signatory to this Agreement represents that he, she, or it freely and voluntarily enters into this Agreement without any degree of duress or compulsion from any source.

11. Warranty of Capacity to Execute Agreement

Each of the undersigned signatories on behalf of the State represents and warrants that he or she is signing this Agreement in his or her official capacity, that he or she is the duly authorized and appointed representative of the State, and that he or she has the full right, power, and authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of and to bind the State and its respective offices and agencies, including but not limited to DMAPS and DHHR. The undersigned ABDC signatory represents and warrants that he is fully authorized as a result of appropriate company action to enter into and execute this Agreement on behalf of ABDC and the Released Entities.

12. Governing Law

This Agreement is entered into in the State of West Virginia and shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with its laws.

13. Construction and Intent

None of the Parties to this Agreement may be considered the drafter of this Agreement or of any included provision for the purpose of any statute, case law, or rule of construction that would or might cause any provision to be construed against the drafter. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted to effectuate the Parties' intent, which is to completely resolve the Litigation as to the Parties and Releasors' claims against ABDC.

14. Jurisdiction and Venue

Any action or proceeding brought in state court seeking to enforce any provision of, or based on any right arising out of, this Agreement shall be brought in the Circuit Court of Boone County, West Virginia, and each Party hereby consents to the jurisdiction of such court (and of the appropriate appellate courts) in any such action or proceeding.

15. Additional Documents and Compliance with Orders

The Parties agree to cooperate fully, execute any and all supplementary documents, and take all additional actions that may be necessary or appropriate to give full force and effect to the terms and intent of this Agreement.

16. Protective Orders

The Parties acknowledge that protective orders have governed the production of documents and the taking of testimony classified by a Party as Confidential and Highly Confidential and used in connection with the Litigation, and agree that they and their attorneys shall comply with all such orders, including without limitation the elements of such orders that address the handling of documents and depositions so classified upon the conclusion of the Litigation.

17. Entire Agreement and Successors in Interest

This Agreement, comprised of 16 typewritten pages, constitutes the complete agreement between or among the Parties with regard to the settlement and dismissal of the Litigation and the matters set forth in this Agreement. It shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and to the executors, administrators, personal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns of each. The Parties acknowledge and agree that by entering into this Agreement, they are not relying on any payments, promises, or representations other than those expressly set forth in this Agreement.

18. Modification

No modifications, amendments, or changes to this Agreement shall be binding or enforceable unless reduced to writing and signed by both Parties.

19. Severability

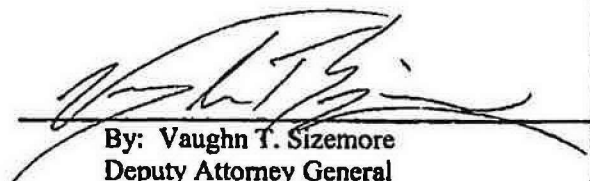
Should any of the provisions of this Agreement be held invalid or illegal by a court of competent jurisdiction after exhaustion of all rights of appeal, such invalidity or illegality shall not invalidate the whole of this Agreement, but rather the Agreement shall be construed as if it did not contain the invalid or illegal part and the rights and obligations of the Parties shall be construed and enforced accordingly.

20. Execution in Counterpart

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same Agreement. The Parties agree that facsimile or electronic signatures shall be deemed as effective as originals.

AGREED TO BY:

**ATTORNEY GENERAL OF WEST
VIRGINIA**



By: Vaughn T. Sizemore
Deputy Attorney General

Dated this 7th day of January, 2017.

**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF
MILITARY AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC
SAFETY**

By: Joseph Thornton
DMAPS Secretary

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2017.

**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

Karen Bowling, with permission by William H. Hays, Esq.

By: Karen Bowling
DHHR Secretary

Dated this 6th day of January, 2017.

**AMERISOURCEBERGEN DRUG
CORP.**

John G. Chou

By: John G. Chou
Executive Vice President and General Counsel

Dated this 6th day of January, 2017.

**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF
MILITARY AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC
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By: Joseph Thornton
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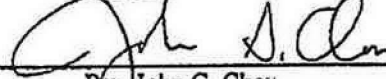
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**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

By: Karen Bowling
DHHR Secretary

Dated this ___ day of _____, 2017.

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